

What is claimed is:

1. A motorcycle comprising:

a frame;

5 a steering fork having a pair of fork tubes;

a lower triple clamp rotatably coupled to the frame and operatively coupled to the pair of fork tubes such that the fork tubes rotate relative to the frame;

10 an upper triple clamp rotatably coupled to the frame and operatively coupled to the pair of fork tubes such that the fork tubes rotate relative to the frame,

the upper triple clamp having an upper surface, the upper surface having a recess therein including a bottom surface with at least one aperture;

15 a cap secured on the upper surface of the upper triple clamp wherein the cap is adapted to conceal the recess in the upper surface; and

a fastener assembly adapted to rotatably couple the frame to the upper and lower

triple clamps.

2. The motorcycle of claim 1, wherein the fastener assembly comprises lower and upper

ends, the lower end being operatively coupled to the lower triple clamp and extending upward from the lower triple clamp through a head tube of the frame and through the at

20 least one aperture in the bottom surface of the recess of the upper triple clamp, the upper end being contained completely within the recess of the upper triple clamp and supported by the bottom surface of the recess.

3. The motorcycle of claim 2, wherein the upper and lower ends of the fastener assembly comprise separate upper and lower portions of the fastener assembly.
4. The motorcycle of claim 3, wherein the upper and lower portions of the fastener assembly are configured to be operatively coupled together.  
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5. The motorcycle of claim 4, wherein the lower portion of the fastener assembly is configured to threadably receive the upper portion of the fastener assembly.
- 10 6. The motorcycle of claim 3, wherein the upper portion of the fastener assembly comprises a steering stem nut with a threaded inner surface.
7. The motorcycle of claim 3, wherein the lower portion of the fastener assembly comprises a rod with an upper end having an threaded outer surface.
- 15 8. The motorcycle of claim 1, wherein the recess is configured with inner dimensions greater than corresponding outer dimensions of the upper end of the fastener assembly.
9. The motorcycle of claim 8, wherein the inner dimensions comprise length, width, and depth.  
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10. The motorcycle of claim 2, wherein the at least one aperture in the bottom surface of the recess is greater in diameter than the diameter of the lower end of the fastener assembly and lesser in diameter than the diameter of the upper end of the fastener assembly.

5        11. The motorcycle of claim 1, wherein the cap is configured to mount on the upper surface of the upper triple clamp and sized to substantially cover the recess therein.

10        12. The motorcycle of claim 1, wherein the cap is adapted to be removable from the upper surface of the upper triple clamp, the cap having at least one bore therein adapted to accept a fastener utilized in mounting the cap to the upper surface of the upper triple clamp.

15        13. The motorcycle of claim 11, wherein the cap has at least one aperture therein adapted to hold an indicator light.

14. The motorcycle of claim 13, wherein the indicator light is integral to an indicator light assembly that is contained within the recess of the upper triple clamp.

15. A motorcycle comprising:

20        a frame;  
              a steering fork having a pair of fork tubes;  
              a lower triple clamp rotatably coupled to the frame and operatively coupled to the pair of fork tubes such that the fork tubes rotate relative to the frame;

an upper triple clamp rotatably coupled to the frame and operatively coupled to  
the pair of fork tubes such that the fork tubes rotate relative to the frame,  
the upper triple clamp having an upper surface, the upper surface having a  
recess therein;

5           a cap secured on the upper surface of the upper triple clamp wherein the cap is  
adapted to conceal the recess and adapted to hold an indicator light; and  
a fastener assembly adapted to rotatably couple the frame to the upper and lower  
triple clamps.

10          16. The motorcycle of claim 15, wherein the recess comprises a bottom surface having at  
least one aperture.

15          17. The motorcycle of claim 16, wherein the fastener assembly comprises lower and upper  
ends, the lower end being operatively coupled to the lower triple clamp and extending  
upward from the lower triple clamp through a head tube of the frame and through the at  
least one aperture in the bottom surface of the recess of the upper triple clamp, the upper  
end being contained completely within the recess of the upper triple clamp and supported  
by the bottom surface of the recess.

20          18. The motorcycle of claim 15, wherein the cap has at least one bore therein adapted to  
accept a fastener utilized in mounting the cap to the upper surface of the upper triple  
clamp.

19. The motorcycle of claim 15, wherein the indicator light is integral to an indicator light assembly that is contained within the recess of the upper triple clamp.

20. A method of concealing a motorcycle steering stem nut while still keeping the steering  
5 stem nut accessible comprising:

providing a motorcycle;

removing a first upper triple clamp from the motorcycle;

providing a second upper triple clamp, the second upper triple clamp having an  
upper surface with a recess including a bottom surface with at least one  
10 aperture;

securing the second upper triple clamp to the motorcycle;

providing a cap that is configured to mount on the upper surface of the second  
upper triple clamp and sized to substantially cover the recess therein; and  
securing the cap to the upper surface of the second upper triple clamp.

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21. The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of loosening an upper portion of a  
fastener assembly in order to remove the first upper triple clamp.

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22. The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of replacing a first lower portion of  
the fastener assembly with a second lower portion having a length dimension that is  
lesser than a length dimension of the first lower portion.

23. The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of tightening an upper portion of a fastener assembly in order to secure the second upper triple clamp.

24. The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of providing an indicator light  
5 assembly adapted to fit within the recess of the second upper triple clamp, the indicator light assembly having at least one indicator light configured to project through an aperture in the cap.

25. A motorcycle triple clamp comprising:

10 a body having an upper surface and a lower surface and a continuous side surface connecting outer edges of the upper and lower surfaces, the upper surface having a recess therein including a bottom surface with at least one aperture, the body defining two outer openings each adapted for receiving a fork tube therein, the body further defining two inner openings each adapted for operatively receiving a  
15 riser tube therein.